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In re Application of :
Assink, et al. :
Application No. 10/600,494 : ON PETITION
Filed: June 7, 2004 :
Attorney Docket No. TS-0715 02 (US) :

This is a decision on the papers styled, "Response To Notice Of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application," filed June 7, 2004, which has been treated as a petition requesting that the above-identified application be accorded a filing date of June 7, 2004.

The petition is granted.

The above-identified application was submitted on June 20, 2003. However, on May 6, 2004, a "Notice Of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application" (Notice) stating that the application had not been accorded a filing date, that the filing date will be the date of receipt of all items required below, and advising applicants that:

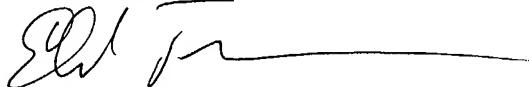
- The specification is missing
- The specification does not include at least one claim.
- The oath or declaration is missing

In response, on June 7, 2004, the specification, the declaration and the present petition were filed.

As stated in the Notice, and in view of the above, the application will be processed with a filing date of June 7, 2004, and will incorporate the specification and declaration, filed June 7, 2004.

This application is being forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for processing with a filing date of June 7, 2004.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (703) 306-9200.



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